

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

He Who Endures Shall Be Saved

November 13 & 14, 2021

5:00pm & 8:00am

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### AS WE GATHER

Like the disciples of old, we look around us and presume that our accomplishments will endure. But even now, they are falling, brick upon brick. There is no repairing a world that must be replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. The urgent need is not to predict when these things will happen, but to endure when they do come. The world is in labor until God delivers His eternal kingdom, but you are not of the world. You belong to the Lord. Through your witness, the elect of many nations will be called by the Spirit through the preaching of the Word. The world will reject you, but you belong to God. He who endures in this faith to the end will be saved.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VETERANS

### MINISTRY MOMENT – Groundwork Guatemala Team

“According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth  
In which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved,  
Since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot  
Or blemish, and at peace.”

2 Peter 3:13-14

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

### OPENING HYMN #508 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God’s anointed,  
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.

The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour, By God’s almighty, boundless pow’r,  
Be changed at His commanding.

The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.

Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge’s stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation  
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev’ry evil.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

**People: in your presence there is fullness of joy;**

Pastor: at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**People: The one who endures to the end will be saved.**

*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, by your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: This is the second-last Sunday of the Church Year, as the long green season of Pentecost comes to its close. In the service today, we are reminded that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin. From Daniel, we hear that the wise in faith shall shine like stars in the darkness of unbelief. From Hebrews, we learn that the blood of Jesus has given us the right and confidence to enter into the holy place of God's presence. From Mark, we hear how Jesus points to the signs of destruction to come and the promise that he who endures to the end shall be saved.

(Be seated)

### ☩ WORD ☩

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Daniel 12:1–3* (Those who are wise shall shine like stars.) "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.<sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 10:11–25* (A single sacrifice for sins)

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 BELL ANTHEM**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 13:1–13* (Signs will test your faith but the one who endures to the end will be saved.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars

and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

**SERMON HYMN #669 “Come, We That Love the Lord”**

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

**Refrain: We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We’re marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;  
but children of the heav’nly King, but children of the heav’nly King  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. **Refrain**

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav’nly fields, Before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. **Refrain**

Then let our songs abound, And ev’ry tear be dry;  
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground,  
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground  
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. **Refrain**

**SERMON “Difficult Days, Troubling Times...Signs of the Coming!” Mark 13:1-13**

(Rise)

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Be seated)

### **COMMITMENT AS GOD'S STEWARDS**

- **Introductory Words**
- **Bringing Forth Your Commitment**
  - **Ushers will dismiss row by row**

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank you, O Lord, our God and Father, for all your goodness. We praise you especially for the everlasting covenant you have made with us through the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that every good work we do would be pleasing in your sight for His sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of all creation, our world is filled with all kinds of distressing things we face day by day. You have warned us that these are signs of your second coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. Preserve your Church throughout the world, and keep us ready at all times for your glorious return. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of the church, in view of the end of all things, fill us with zeal in sharing your truth with others. Bless all pastors, missionaries and servants in Christ's church, that they may preach the pure doctrine of God's saving Word, which will never pass away. Give faith to all who hear, that in Christ they may have the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of the nations, uphold all in authority, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all judges. Graciously enable them to lead according to your will and for our good. Bless all who serve in our armed services, and give us hearts of thankfulness for their service to our nation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of all provision, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth provided by your hand. Supply the needs of all who grow, process and distribute our food, and move us to share these bountiful gifts with our neighbors in their time of need. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of healing and compassion, look with mercy upon the sick and infirm, the dying and all in need especially Dorothy, Austin, Pat, Richard, Cindy, Helga, Steve, Ray, Judy, Don, Nancy, Steve, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Grant them healing of body and mind and give them patience to endure their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of our salvation, give repentance and faith to all who approach the altar at Christ's gracious invitation, that they may find favor in your eyes and receive His true body and blood for the salvation of their souls.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant these and all our petitions, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

### DISTRIBUTION

#### **"There is a Redeemer"**

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

**Chorus: Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Hope for sinners slain **Chorus**

When I stand in glory I will see His face

There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place **Chorus**

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#### HYMN #738

#### **"Lord of All Hopefulness"**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**HYMN #645****“Built on the Rock”**

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.  
 Crumbled have spiers in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,  
 Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,  
 Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
 High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling,  
 Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
 Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
 He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
 Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.  
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
 And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
 Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing;  
 “I know My own; My own know me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, in this earthly life we  
 endure sufferings and death before we enter into eternal glory. Grant  
 us grace at all times to subject ourselves to your holy will and to  
 continue steadfast in the true faith to the end of our lives, that we may  
 know the peace and joy of the blessed hope of the resurrection of the  
 dead and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our  
 Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord  
 Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal  
 covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will,  
 working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to  
 whom be glory forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
 you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN #917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
 With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
 Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
 Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
 With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
 Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
 From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
 For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
 Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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# Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday November 24 at 6:00pm

Thursday November 25 at 9:00am

*“Sing to the Lord of Harvest,  
Sing Songs of Love and Praise.”  
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